Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—May I know when the sketch and the plan will be ready and whether it could be provided for in the next year's budget?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I suppose you are referring to road No. 3. The survey for the same will take about 3 months. But before the estimate is prepared we may be able to allot some money and start the work from next year.

President.—Anyhow we will have to spread it over three years. What about the road on the southern side of Nelluvaye, *i. e.*, the road connecting Nelluvaye and Mulanturutti?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That will have to come late.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—The Vellatanjur road goes on to join the Veloor road and there between Vellatanjur and Mulanthuruthu another road has to be constructed.

President.—There is already a road in existence from Vellatanjur to Veloor. Not a straight one; you have not a short cut.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—But we have to go about 5 or 6 miles more.

President.—After the Nelluvaye to Thalasseri road is completed this will be considered.

Want of roads in Kandanasseri.

265. Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will the Government kindly inform whether they have considered the great hardships of the inhabitants of Kandanasseri village for want of proper roads; will they be pleased to rectify this evil by taking some active measures without delay?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will the Government be pleased to take up the construction of the road early next year? The answer given is 'Yes.'

President.—Is it a costly affair?

Mr. M. K. Raman.—It is only a short road. Will it be provided in the next year's budget?

President.—How many miles of road have to be constructed?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—About 2 miles; not more than that.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Kandanasseri has no road. The nearest road is 2 miles away.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—But Kandanasseri is surrounded by paddy lands and the road, if it is to be constructed, will have to be constructed across that.

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President.—Could you try to do it next year?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Since the road has to be constructed across paddy lands, it may cost something even though the length of the road is short.

President.—But then Kandanasseri has no connection at all.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—There is also a bund in existence across the paddy lands and if a road has to be constructed it has to be broadened only. It will not entail any great expenditure.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I may inform the House that statements have been taken from the pattadars of lands that they would grant the land free for the construction of the road.

President.—If it is so, then it will be easy.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—We will look into the matter.

President.—Suppose we allot Rs. 1,000, could you manage with that?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— There should be some system in these things. What is there in Kandanasseri?

Mr. M. K. Raman.—It is isolated; that is all.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—If that is the only reason, I shall give several instances like this.

President.—You know our principle should be 'first come first served'. The Kandanasseri people have applied to us for the construction of the road. We will try to give them a road in the first instance. If others come up we will try to give them also.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—My point is this. We should first of all draw up a scheme and find out where all roads are necessary and which of them are to be constructed first.

President.—There was a Road Committee formed years ago and it submitted a report also. But nothing has been done as yet.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—In the case of the road connecting Nelluvaye and Thalasseri, that is the main road.

President.—Village roads also are important.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—In this case there is a big bund in existence and it requires only a little widening.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The road from Koonamoochi to Kunnamkulam has been sanctioned for next year.

President.—As regards this road connecting Kandanasseri and Koonamoochi, if the pattadars would give land free of com-

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pensation, we will not have to spend a large amount for acquisition purpose.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will this road be taken up early?

President.—The Agricultural Superintendent says that he will consider the matter.

Construction of a road from Melur to Muringur.

266. **Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House whether any steps have yet been taken towards starting the construction of a road from the ferry opposite to His Highness the 4th Prince's Palace at Melur to Muringur village to connect the Chalakkudi road at 20/4, for which provision has already been made in the budget of 1104; if not, why not; will not the amount lapse at the end of the year, if the work is not carried out during the year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. Necessary levels and cross sections have been taken and the estimate for the work is under preparation.

It is expected that the work will be started and the whole allotment utilised this year. If, however, it be found not possible to utilise the whole allotment, the balance amount required for the completion of the work will be provided in the budget for 1105.

Check-measurement of the Narakkal canal.

267. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the report of the Chief Engineer regarding the Narakkal canal referred to in question 74 of the Legislative Session of Vrischigam 1104 has reached the Government; if so, will a copy be placed on the Table;

(b) did the Chief Engineer find any discrepancies on check-measuring the same; if so, what action was taken?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes. The report is confidential and cannot, therefore, be placed on the Table of the House.

(b) Some discrepancies in the quantity of earthwork billed for were noticed. The discrepancies were corrected as far as possible and the accounts of the contractor closed.

268. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table of the House the report to the Government by the Engineering Department after the check-measurement of the Narakkal canal referred to in the answer to question No. 74 of the Legislative Session of 1104?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 267.

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